

Avoiding Run-Ons

Review A **run-on sentence** consists of two or more sentences written as if they were one sentence. A **fused sentence** is a word group containing two or more sentences that are run together without any punctuation. A **comma splice** contains two or more sentences separated by a comma instead of by a period or a semicolon. Correct run-ons by adding an end mark after the first idea, by replacing a comma with a semicolon, by adding a coordinating conjunction (*and*, *but*, *or*, *nor*, or *so*) after the comma, or by making one of the independent clauses into a subordinate clause.

Directions: Read each numbered item. Correct the run-ons in the space provided. If an item is correct as it stands, write *C*.

1. Comic strips are cartoons that tell a story they are popular with people of all ages.

2. The boxes containing the scenes are called panels, the spaces containing The boxes containing the scenes are called panels; the spaces containing the dialogue

3. Comic strips first appeared in newspapers in the 1890s, the first comic character was called the “yellow kid.”

4. Early comic strips featured numerous situations and characters, many people called the strips “funnies.”

5. The term caught on rapidly, and some people still use it to refer to comic strips.

6. In the 1930s comics expanded some strips created then survived for more than 40 years.

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7. The comic strip *Tarzan* first appeared in 1929; it broke completely with the usual style of comics up till then.

8. *Tarzan*'s creator, Harold Foster, wanted to tell realistic adventure stories, he borrowed techniques from the movies.

9. Today's readers still love adventure they will recognize several characters from the 1920s and 1930s, including Superman, Dick Tracy, and Little Orphan Annie.

10. Two of these characters have appeared in movies and TV shows one has appeared in a play.
